species in botanical gardens to ensure survival of these species under captive conditions for their future restoration in the wild;

(v) Development of protocol for multiplication of some endangered species of plants through tissue culture, Seed Banks, etc.

(vi) Survey and collection of data on threatened and endangered species and efforts for their rehabilitation; and

(vii) Enlisting rare and threatened species in the Red Data Book of Indian Plants published by BSI for creating awareness about the need for conservation.

Environmental Regulation of Export Packaging Materials

1054. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the European Commission is to enact legislation on the Environmental regulation of export packaging materials that will apply the entry of goods into all EEC member countries;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to make Indian exporters and industrialists aware of environmental norms in their use of packaging materials; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take/has taken to ensure implementation of these norms to prevent further environmental degradation of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Commission of the European Communities is yet to finalise its proposals on packaging and packaging waste.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

1055. *[Transferred to 10th August, 1993]*

Drive to make Delhi Green

1056. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Municipal Corporation of Delhi has recently invited participation of voluntary, social organisations, residents' Welfare Association, firms, companies and Eco lovers to make Delhi Green;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of such institutions responded to this call;

(c) whether any financial assistance or any other assistance would be provided to these Institutions for their participation in this drive;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any work on this drive has since been started; and

(f) If so, the details thereof and if not the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Twenty three institutions have so far responded to the invitation of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to participate in the programme to make Delhi green. The names of the institutions in question and the area where they would take up the greening activities is given in the statement *enclosed. (See* below)

(c) and (d) The institutions in question have been involved in the programme on the basis of their willingness to participate voluntarily and no financial assistance has been provided to them. However the MCD have issued advertisements in the newspaper to involve the institutions and the local people in the programme.

(e) and (f) The programme has been started on the sites mentioned in the enclosed statement. The activities being undertaken include planting of trees, installation of tree guards, installation of tubewells, maintenance of the saplings planted etc.